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Death and disability benefits

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The information contained in the annex to the present note is submitted pursuant to paragraphs 16 and 17 of General Assembly resolution 51/239 A of 17 June 1997, in which the Assembly noted that as at 19 May 1997 a backlog of 564 death and disability claims awaited processing and requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Assembly quarterly written reports on the progress made in clearing the backlog.

2. Commencing with the first quarterly report, dated 28 October 1997 (A/52/538), nine quarterly progress reports have been issued presenting information relating to death and disability incidents occurring up to and including 30 June 1997 and indicating the total number of claims from the backlog that had been received since 19 May 1997 as well as the number of claims processed as at 30 September 1999. The most recent update is contained in document A/C.5/54/13.

3. The present document constitutes the tenth quarterly report. The information presented in the annex indicates the total number of claims received from troop-contributing countries as at 31 December 1999, identifying the number of claims received since 19 May 1997. This information is presented by country (table A) and by peacekeeping operation (table B). A comparison of the total number of incidents of death and disability reported by peacekeeping operations as at 31 December 1999 and the related number of claims submitted to the Secretariat is given in table C.

4. In the ninth quarterly report (A/C.5/54/13) it was indicated that a total of 317 claims were awaiting processing as at 30 September 1999. As at 31 December, the total number of claims awaiting processing had been reduced by 54, to 263. This is the result of 10 new claims having been received and 64 claims having been processed during the period from 1 October to 31 December 1999. Of that total, 19 claims represent part of the backlog, as they had been received prior to 19 May 1997. The remaining 45 were received in the period following 19 May 1997.

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5. Of the original backlog of 564 death and disability claims that were awaiting processing as at 19 May 1997, only 19 such cases remain, consisting of 9 cases for Austria, 9 for Bangladesh and 1 for the Russian Federation. Of the nine cases pending in respect of Austria, at the time of the drafting of the present note one had just been certified for settlement, three were awaiting further clarification and additional justifications were required for the remaining five. With regard to Bangladesh, all nine cases pending had just been certified for settlement. Further justification was also pending for the one Russian claim.

6. In view of the fact that the original 564 backlog cases for which the General Assembly requested quarterly progress reports will be eliminated shortly, it is recommended that the present progress report be the last one submitted pursuant to paragraphs 16 and 17 of General Assembly resolution 51/239 A.

Annex

Death and disability claims received from troop-contributing countries as at 31 December 1999

A. Backlog report for incidents occurring up to and including 30 June 1997, by country

Country	*Claims received prior to 19 May 1997*	*Claims received after 19 May 1997*	*Claims processed 19 May 1997 to 31 December 1999[a]*	*Total claims awaiting processing*
Argentina	9	3	12	-
Austria	35	16	40	11
Bangladesh	27	2	19	10
Belgium	-	48	48	-
Brazil	-	3	1	2
Bulgaria	41	19	60	-
Canada	12	100	76	36
Czech Republic	7	-	7	-
Denmark	-	24	15	9
Egypt	42	7	49	-
Fiji	26	-	26	-
Finland	1	84	85	-
France	107	246	351	2
Germany	3	-	3	-
India	-	1	1	-
Indonesia	8	-	8	-
Ireland	37	33	70	-
Italy	56	13	69	-
Japan	-	1	1	-
Jordan	3	268	260	11
Malawi	-	6	6	-
Malaysia	-	36	18	18
Morocco	-	82	-	82
Nepal	-	14	14	-
Netherlands	-	11	11	-
Pakistan	1	7	8	-
Poland	64	159	204	19
Russian Federation	11	10	20	1
Senegal	1	1	2	-
Slovakia	6	1	7	-
Spain	10	2	12	-
Thailand	2	1	3	-
Tunisia	2	7	9	-
Turkey	3	-	3	-
Ukraine	9	44	50	3
United Arab Emirates	-	3	3	-

Country	*Claims received prior to 19 May 1997*	*Claims received after 19 May 1997*	*Claims processed 19 May 1997 to 31 December 1999*[a]	*Total claims awaiting processing*
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	23	18	29	12
Uruguay	2	3	5	-
Zambia	-	55	8	47
Zimbabwe	16	-	16	-
Total	**564**	**1 328**	**1 629**	**263**

[a] The number of claims processed includes claims that have been approved for payment and those that have been rejected.

B. Backlog report for incidents occurring up to and including 30 June 1997, by peacekeeping operation

Mission	*Claims received prior to 19 May 1997*	*Claims received after 19 May 1997*	*Claims processed from 19 May 1997 to 31 December 1999*[a]	*Total claims awaiting processing*
ONUMOZ	4	28	10	22
UNAMIR	3	38	34	7
UNAVEM	-	31	6	25
UNCRO	-	3	2	1
UNDOF	30	60	73	17
UNFICYP	9	4	10	3
UNIFIL	140	177	314	3
UNIKOM	2	7	7	2
UNMIH	2	10	5	7
UNOSOM	104	144	150	98
UNPREDEP	-	17	17	-
UNPROFOR	178	683	803	58
UNSMIH	-	10	2	8
UNTAC	89	61	145	5
UNTAES	-	54	47	7
UNTAG	3	1	4	-
Total	**564**	**1 328**	**1 629**	**263**

[a] The number of claims processed includes claims that have been approved for payment and those that have been rejected.

C. Total number of death and disability incidents reported and claims submitted for incidents occurring up to and including 30 June 1997, by peacekeeping operation

	Death		*Disability*		*Total*	
Mission	*Incidents reported*	*Claims*	*Incidents reported*	*Claims*	*Incidents reported*	*Claims*
ONUMOZ	21	15	50	25	71	40
MINURSO	3	-	5	-	8	-
UNAMIR	22	20	50	25	72	45
UNAVEM	27	13	56	23	83	36
UNCRO	16	-	54	3	70	3
UNDOF	38	8	415	135	453	143
UNFICYP	162	3	87	17	249	20
UNIFIL	212	57	1 058	352	1 270	409
UNIKOM	7	5	28	3	35	8
UNMIH	5	4	14	12	19	16
UNOSOM	152	114	437	280	589	394
UNPREDEP	3	3	9	14	12	17
UNPROFOR	196	149	1 501	744	1 697	893
UNSMIH	-	-	7	10	7	10
UNTAC	41	50	52	132	93	182
UNTAES	7	1	57	53	64	54
UNTAG	11	3	30	1	41	4
Total	**923**	**445**	**3 910**	**1 829**	**4 833**	**2 274**